

Ashland College Endowment

Ashland College needs, shall we say *must* have, an endowment fund. If you expect the Brethren institution of learning to become a great center of spiritual power without an endowment fund, then you expect from your own institution what no other Christian or denominational institution of learning has been able to do,—succeed without an endowment fund from which to draw its support. Why should ours be an exception to all others? It is not, and it will not be. On a plan most simple and easy about \$10,000 have already been raised, and this sum needs to be enlarged to \$25,000 to carry on the work successfully. Brethren, the opportune time has come, it is at hand. *You* can help make the Brethren church a great power and spiritual uplift in this world of sin; will you do it? *You* can contribute your mite to the success of an institution that will send out, into an irreligious age, sons and daughters filled with the fraternal spirit and enthusiasm of the Master; will you do it? *You* can do something for the success of a struggling institution of learning, which, above all other agencies, will make the Brethren church a factor in the evangelization of the world, and a contributor of men and women of intellectual and spiritual power, who, in the years to come will constitute a better social environment and a better humanity here on earth; will you do it? Let Sunday, June 3, 1900, be the test of your loyalty to the cause which the Brethren church represents.

The College and Literature

The age is a literary one. On every hand is manifest the great power of the press.

The Christian literature put on the market each year by the great publishing houses is beyond measure and its influence on the thought of the age is amazing. No cause can prosper in these times that is not backed by a strong literature. The church that is without such a literature is partially unarmed, deprived of one of the mightiest weapons in her warfare against sin and wickedness. That school of philosophy or of theology which somehow can work its thought into the choicest literature of the country will make the most lasting impression upon contemporary ideas. Christian literature has a two fold mission, it is destructive and constructive. It tears down and it builds up. Silently it wages a destructive warfare against sin in all its various forms, and just as silently it molds healthy sentiment and operates as a powerful agency in the uplift of humanity. The principles of the several political parties of today are constantly promulgated in the literature of the country, and thus brought prominently before the people. The cause that can not command the press, and in some way work its principles and thought into a choice literature must fail. It is like Samson shorn of his locks, powerless.

But how shall the church secure such a literature? It must come from our colleges, that is from men and women who have been trained in first class colleges, who have had mental as well as spiritual culture, who have been educated in all the ways of the kingdom of God and who are able to put their thoughts and their feelings into a literature that will command the respect of the reading public. Let us be assured that the line of thinking, whatever it may be, that is made to dominate the choicest literature of the age, is certain to dominate the minds of the young, for the young seek an attractive and choice literature. The college is the center from which go forth the strong men of the church, and from them we get the strong literature of the church. If this literature is to be strictly Brethren it is important that the men who prepare it should come from Brethren schools. The literature of the church is one of the products of the denominational college.

Personal Mention

Brother Shively is expected to begin a meeting at Lordsburg, Calif., June 4. He has promised us a news letter from that place.

In last week's paper the name Gilson appeared over the article, "How can Conference Help Isolated Members." It should have been Gibson, not Gilson. The article is worthy of special mention, and we are in possession of a review of it by Brother Cassel. It will appear in next week's paper.

Two weeks ago a communication from the S. S. C

E., Carleton, Nebr., by Sister Beachy stated that the society at that place had raised \$25 during the year when the fact is the society raised \$250, and Sister Beachy meant to let other societies know how the money was raised. The error was in the copy and is not to be charged to the compositor. We are glad to make this correction, and we feel sure the reader will be pleased to learn that the sum was ten times the amount given in the report. It certainly speaks well for the Carleton society.

"Education and Life" in the Christian Life department is by the different members of the Theological class; the name and home town of each contributor appears at the end of the paragraph of which he is the author. We congratulate the 'boys' on the high ideals they have set before themselves, and the effort they are making to attain to them. All the members of the class but one responded to the call for these short paragraphs on the subject which heads the column.

Brother Cassel in his article shows why the Brethren church should give special attention to the subject of higher education.

Among the contributors in this issue on the subject of education we mention Brethren Cassel, Mackey, Garber (Prof.), Witter (Prof.), Teeter, Kimmel, Shively, Phillips (Prof.), and Sister Miller.

Brother J. L. Gillin closed his meeting at Hamlin, Kansas, with five accessions. Brother McFaden gives a report of the meeting in this issue.

At Corinth, Ind., two members were received recently by baptism, brother W. H. Miller, pastor.

Brother A. H. Lichty, of the Bible class preached for the congregation at Glenford, Ohio, last Saturday evening and Sunday morning, being rained out in the evening. Brother Lichty reports good attendance and attention. The people will always give attention to the simple gospel of the kingdom of God, and that is the kind our brother preaches.

Brother Mackey has been given a very welcome reception by the people in southwestern Ohio, both in and out of church.

Brother A. J. Hixson reports four accessions as the result of his labors among the people of his district.

Brethren Welty, of Ohio, Crofford and Furry, of Pa., have lately visited the Washington City mission.

Brother Swinehart reports eight accessions in his field of labor.

Professor J. A. Miller attended the Ashland County Sunday school convention at Orange, Tuesday afternoon and evening, May 29. A good meeting is reported.

We have no official statement of the fact, but thru private sources we learn that brother J. M. Bowman, during his recent visit to Roann, Ind., took unto himself a wife. May it be a long and blessed union.

A communication from brother H. M. Lichty, Sunnyside, Washington, is crowded out this week owing to the extra space given to the subject of education. It is good as well as interesting reading and will keep.

An article on the subject of Music, by brother J. M. Bowman, instructor in music, Harrisonburg, Va., is in type and was intended to be published in this issue, but was also crowded out. It too, will keep even tho it is sweet.

Sister Eliza Musselman, Somerset, Pa., entered the eternal rest of believers May 18, 1900, after several months illness. The funeral took place at two o'clock the following Sunday afternoon, conducted by Brother Wise of the Christian church and Brother Witter of the Brethren church. Sister Musselman just passed her seventy-second year, two additional years to the three score and ten. She was the wife of the late Christian Musselman, one of the prominent men of Somerset, Pa., and well known thru-out the entire county. He represented his dis-